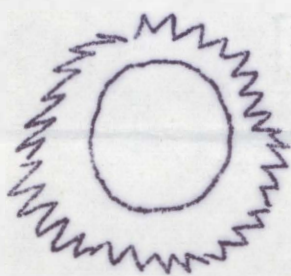


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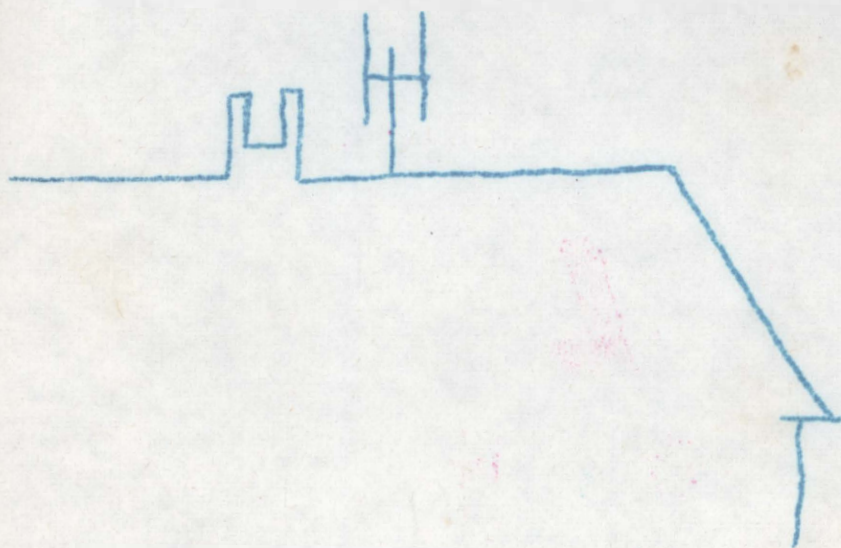
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EDITORIAL: 'Science & the UFO'

The attitude of science towards the UFO phenomena is pretty similar to that towards most mysterious things. If it does not fit the facts as we know them now then it must be wrong. This is obviously a fallacious argument. If we really accepted that we knew every thing then progress would never be made. Copernicus was 'wrong' for a long time before he was proved right, so was Einstein BUT THEIR IDEAS WERE RIGHT ALL THE TIME. About the only thing we can say with certainty about science is that not very far away there is an astounding breakthrough waiting to be made. It will be just as revolutionary as all the ones which have come before and IT wont be the last one either. So why should we believe that just because our incompetant ideas of today do not encompass the reality of UFOs as SOME KIND OF PHENOMENA that this is simply not because we have not yet made that breakthrough. Remember it was only a hundred years or so that it was finally accepted that meteors were stones coming from space. They had of course been around for millions of years and were no less real a phenomena before they officially existed than after. I think that slowly we are seeing a scientific revolution as the Age of Aquarius begins to dawn. Modern young people are beginning to question what they have been taught rigidly. If they can find better answers which fit the facts rather than ignore them they are right to do so. In a few years time they will be the scientists who make the decisions - and in that there is hope. I feel strongly that youngsters interested in UFOs and other mysteries should be encouraged and I am very pleased to see the work of groups such as Wirral UFO and BYUIG. I feel sympathy with their anguish when older Ufologists pooh pooh them. Youth has the wonderful asset of enthusiasm and at times I wonder if some of our more stoic Ufologists are not really as bad as the scientists. I recently sent a long letter to Patrick Moore asking him if he would comment on some of our more puzzling cases from an astronomic al point of view - hopefully to give an explanation but he replied in a brief letter "I have no faith in UFOs and am rather bored with them." What he really means is that he is bored with having to think about them. He, if he has an enquiring mind, should WANT to at least examine the facts. How can he have no faith without doing that? We are bound to ask ourselves the question why will he not look at the evidence? Remember too he is just a representative of many, many more. I can only think of one answer to that question. He is afraid. Afraid that not only will he be proved wrong but that his science will be too. Poor old Patrick. One day he will perhaps realise that if the facts dont fit the theory you change the theory - how often he, and those like him, would wish to change the facts.

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UNO GROUPS: British Youth UFO INVESTIGATION GROUP

BUFORA (Yorkshire)

Manchester Aerial Phenomena Investigation Team

Northern Aerial Phenomena Research Association

Scunthorpe UFO Research Society

Wirral UFO Society.

FULL ADDRESSES WILL BE INCLUDED NEXT MONTH

UNO NEWS!!!!:

It must be stressed as often as possible that UNO is NOT a group, but a system of groups working together. There can be no doubt that progress has been made over recent months towards a more unified approach to UFO investigation in the north. We are, I believe, well ahead of other parts of the country but we must recognise that there is still some way to go. Slowly our contacts are spreading beyond the five below mentioned UNO groups. Trevor Whitaker, on behalf of BUFORA (Yorks) has been in touch expressing interest and there are others too. Let us hope we can achieve our aim quickly of bringing all northern groups into regular communication. Our main weakness is not having a committee. It is debatable whether we should have an executive (though the consensus seems to be that we should provided they are controlled by the groups). There have been personnel problems, as you know, but I can thankfully state that UFO reports should still go through to Dave Rees as before. Dave Morley is helping out research schemes with his knowledge and is going to write a regular research page for this magazine. Dave Gittens has recently accepted the post of Publicity Coordinator and it is hoped to plan out a detailed campaign shortly. I know he will be glad to hear your ideas. So we have the basis of a committee but there is of course room for more

A NEW NAME?:: There have been expressed doubts about our name, its relevance and scientific respectability. Ideas are requested for a new one. Already we have had suggested Association of British Ufologists and Union of Northern Ufologists (UNU). It would be wise to remember our aims and priorities before deciding what is appropriate. What about a new symbol? Do we have any budding artists?

LOCAL GROUP NEWS:::

BYUIG:: British Youth, who remember have representatives on a nationwide scale, have sent news of a reorganisation in their personnel. It is now divided into Research, Admin, Convention Organisation and the intriguing Alien, Biological Research unit. There is also news of the commencement of a branch in Connecticut USA. We hope to receive news of this and other BYUIG branches soon. They are planning a SKYWATCH month and would like to hear from groups prepared to co-operate.

MAPIT:: There has been some problems here but things seem resolved. Dave Rees is still operating our Manchester branch. Reports have been received from Granada TV (following a 45 minute telephone chat with Brian Trueman) and there was also a full page article in the Manchester Evening News on October 16 which brought response.

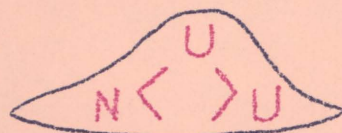
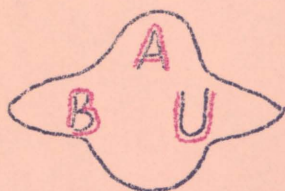
NAPRA:: Have some strong words to say this month. They criticise too many groups for simply sitting in their armchairs and reading about UFOs. They say UNO has thrown down the gauntlet - dare you pick it up? But NAPRA continues to expand on its policies of scientific experimentation and investigation and are working hard on the detector kit.

SCUNTHORPE UFO:: Things seem to have gone quiet in the rural area of Lincs but SUPORS still keep plugging away with their band of Ufologists. They are timing their meetings (every week) to coincide with the new BBC series of SF Films. As Nigel Watson comments. "Choc Ices and Popcorn on top of subs!" Though they must be lucky to have the use of a hobby centre as their HQ they need a bigger cupboard to store their library. They have sent an interesting article which I hope to print next month.

WIRRAL UFO:: Have sent information about their recent communications which are printed elsewhere. They hold regular meetings every two weeks at school and their first outside meeting on Oct 31 was a qualified success with an excellent talk by Mr Drew Kefalis on UFOs in New Zealand. They are selling Biro's with the group name on (and they write pretty well too!) and hope to buy badges for members. They had a Sky watch on October 22.

I MUST COMMENT ON THE SUCCESS OF THE INFLUX OF GROUP NEWS. KEEP THIS UP IF REGULAR REPORTS CAN REACH ME BY THE END OF THE MONTH WE CAN BE ASSURED THAT THIS MAGAZINE WILL FULFILL ITS FUNCTION.

Some of the ideas for newsymbols:



OTHER NEWS::

Across the Atlantic: (Report from WirralUFO)

A recent communication from Gene Duplantier (former publisher of Saucers Space and Science) brought much of interest.

1) A Canadian Gallup Poll in the Toronto Star (14/8/74) showed that 67% had heard of UFOs (77% under 30, 61% over 50). Surprisingly only 12% said they had ever seen one. The crucial question was 'Are they real?' and the results are not encouraging for us:

YES (Under 30	69%	30-49	48%	50+	38%	AVERAGE	53%)
NO (" " "	24%	"	30%	"	37%	"	26%)

The Don't Knows averaged at a pretty high 21%

2) Dr Arlen Zander had recently claimed (2/7/74) that in 1948 Project Sign issued a top secret report saying UFOs were extraterrestrial craft. The USAF didn't like the suggestion and destroyed all copies!

3) On 21/7/74 a metal cylinder was sighted with a noise like motorcycl which also interfered with a TV set! In August there were many reports of red and green lights including some over a lake where smaller light appeared to come out of a larger circular light.

Could these indicate another US Flap similar to last Autumn

Back in Britain::

The News of the World on November 3rd carried a story about a UFO sighting (the first popular press mention of this extent for some time). It is being investigated by SCAN and the picture taken by a lorry driver in Bournemouth was shown (see below). It was a greenish blue light moving silently across the sky. The witness took the shot with a polaroid camera and developed the picture in front of other witnesses. SCAN are convinced of its genuineness (though I would have thought this with no negative this would be hard to definitely state). They say it "must be the best ever taken" Strong words indeed. The picture is good though I think the extension which SCAN have made into saying that it is just like an Adamski craft and proves Adamski was right, is going a bit far. (Unless the original shows a lot more than the printed one does). Nevertheless it is some time since we have had a good picture taken in this country which was not subsequently proved a hoax. I hope SCAN keep us informed of the progress of their investigations.

The Bournemouth
'Adamski' craft



Library News::

Mike Dean of Wirral UFO is compiling a list of all UFO books in print in this country. I am sure he will appreciate news of any obscure ones. BYUIG have sent in their library list. If other group can do so we can publish exactly what books we have between us. The actual setting up of an inter-group library would probably be difficult.

In the Post::

There has been quite an ammount of mail this month so I must restrict attention to a couple which are most relevant and interesting. The first comes from Norman Oliver, editor of BUFORA Journal. He explains that he has resigned his position for various reasons. It is very sad news because BUFORA Journal had improved greatly under his direction. He continues as a BUFORA member however and wishes us every success. If the next issue goes out as he prepared it there will be some comments on Northern BUFORA members and their position (thanks Norman). The recent BUFORA AGM did apparantly discuss the situation and I have been assured on the phone by Ken Phillips (the National Investigations co-ordinator) that things will improve via regional conference:

The second letter comes from the Kettering UFO Society (Mr R Birkett 48 Glebe Av, Broughton, Northants). He is interested and would like to help with our plans for a detector network and also would like ideas on the possibility of a TV Scanner. Looks like some interesting peospects in the electronics field.

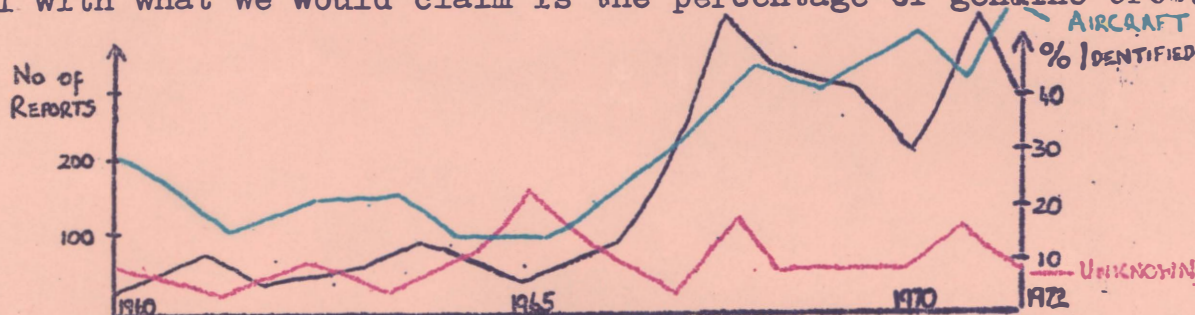
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE APPROACH::

One other important letter which was received is the subject of this article. I recently wrote to the MOD with a specific request. "If we prepare a catalogue of UFO sightings with full reports, evaluations and summarised with graphs and statistics will you read it and give us your opinion?" A simple request I thought. After all we are not qualified to do so and they do keep telling the public that they have no evidence for UFOs. What would they make of ours? The reply came back as follows:

"The dept investigated UFO reports, which are received from various sources eg members of public, police, service units etc, solely to ascertain if there are any defence implications. We cannot undertake to pursue our research, other than for defence implications, to a point where positive correlation with a known object is established. Since the Ministry interest in UFOs is limited to the defence aspect INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PHENOMENA ARE NOT CARRIED OUT. I regret therefore that we cannot give an opinion on your proposed catalogue.

There are many significant points there, and I will leave you to ponder them. Nevertheless it is distressing that the public should believe that UFO reports are investigated officially and are found to be natural objects. If only they knew the truth. Does this not make our job all the more important? If the MOD wont do it someone must!

The table below is a representation of the MOD figures for UFO identifications 1959 - 1972. An average of 10% were unidentified (and there is a pretty big list of identified sources). This figure agrees well with what we would claim is the percentage of genuine UFOs.



Note the dramatic increase in reports since 1967 with no indication of an effect of the recent post Condon debunking of witnesses causing a fall off. Remember too those important words: "We cannot undertake to pursue to the point of positive correlation" How many of those identified objects really are identified?

Why the sudden increase in aircraft identifications? Note that the unidentifieds have remained pretty steady despite all that.

STAR TREK CONVENTION: (Report from BYUIG)

On September 29th 1974 at 10-45 am myself (Alan Walsh) and Paul Bennett arrived at the hotel - to find that we had been booked into a different one $\frac{1}{4}$ mile away. The activity area was in confusion and one couldn't move for cassette recorders. A small section had been allotted for display purposes and ours was quite impressive, as were those concerned with various aspects of Star Trek. Hand made models of the Enterprise, its bridge and crew plus phasers and shuttlecraft were there. The programme after registration was supposed to begin at 10-30 with the opening ceremony and a talk on Science Fiction to Science Fact but nothing happened until 'Scotty' and 'Sulu' opened the convention at 11-30. The speaker did not arrive in time and so suddenly I was being paged to give a talk on BYUIG for nearly 45 minutes. Club rooms were only open for a few hours and prices were very expensive. After paying £3 registration plus hotel and travel expenses we had to pay 60p to enter the 'Shoreleave Disco'. Many people were very upset by the costs and more people sat round the wimpy bar than in the convention. The reel of Star Trek 'bloopers' was shown five or six times but the banned episodes didn't arrive in time and James Blish was ill. But not one announcement was made of this. The exhibition area was not guarded all the time as promised but the guests were wonderful, mingling and signing autographs. On the whole Mrs Elson did a good job but it would be wise to have activities going on all the time instead of leaving 200-300 people to look after themselves. It was a minor success but I am sure STAG will learn from their mistakes. I will go to the next one, but a great many people who were bored and disheartened won't do!

(BYUIG received some sighting reports from the talk and also got a mention in STAGs international magazine. They gave UNO a plug too which was just as well since we came in from some silly criticism apparently. It was alleged that we were a 'fringe' group and that we had wild landing stories on our files. I don't know who these deluded souls were but thanks BYUIG for putting the record straight)

UNO on the box?:

News was mentioned last week of our application for a spot on the BBC 2 TV show Open Door. We have submitted a programme outline as we were requested to do (see below) and now await a call. The Beeb make no promises but if we are lucky we will get six weeks notice in which time we will have to plan the programme out in detail with BBC producers and six or seven of us will have to go down to London one Sunday to film it. The show goes out live, late Sunday night and lasts 40 mins. Let's keep our fingers crossed.

Basic outline suggested:

Film clips to show contrast between real UFOs and the popular SF idea.
 Street interviews to show public opinion
 Interview with MOD for their view point.
 Interviews with UFO witnesses for their feelings on the objectivity
 Introduction to UNO and its methods of working
 Reconstruction of an investigation and follow up (ie interviewing, examination of area, checking possibilities, evaluation)
 Explanation of how we collate information, file it and record it on graph
 Run down on some of the UNO research projects to isolate aspects of UFOs
 Interviews with ufologists to discuss possible theories for UFOs
 Summarise to emphasise scientific approach and how we want assistance
 Interviews with scientists to see what they are doing (ie Hynek, Vallee, Schwarz etc)

If we do get selected for a programme we will need lots of help and ideas so why not start thinking around them now.

WHAT DID THEY SEE?: (G. Woodhouse)

(Our contributor has just written a book called the Mechanics of Matter which presents new and somewhat revolutionary ideas about matter. He has kindly sent this article which may not at first seem relevant to UFOs but if you persevere with the somewhat complex ideas you will be surprised)

People who report that they have seen something in the sky mean that they had their eyes open at the time. We can all dream that we see something but for this we must have our eyes shut! If one is dreaming the act of opening ones eyes dispells the dream. So what could be the cause of people seeing objects in the sky which look as if they are made of metal? It is no use asking scientists. They have been dreaming for thousands of years and have no ideas to offer people in the habit of opening their eyes to see. Lets look at some of their dreams. For a start what is light?

The scientists have argued for 300 years whether light is waves or particles. Very complex reasons have been put forward why it moves in straight lines. If just one theoretician had realised that there is no light unless one opens ones eyes it must have dawned on him that light was a feeling in the eyes. This feeling seems to come from the direction one looks and this becomes ones idea of straightness. It needs no mathematics to explain that the feeling we call light is collected from a central direction which we must regard as straight. If we open our eyes in the night and look at a light then switch it off the feeling remains for several seconds afterwards. This can only be due to something in our eyes vibrating so we have to await the vibrations dying down before we can stop seeing (even though there is nothing to see) Since this result is wavelike light seems to be due to waves BUT Unless it were big enough to be seen we would never know about it till it hit us and when it comes at the ultimate in speeds we would not be able to see it anyway. So light effects must seem like corpuscles. So light seems to be waves or particles depending on which way the scientist dreams up to view its behaviour. In reality light is the result of having ones eyes open and is a feeling which disappears after having them shut for a time - though the brain can still recall the feeling and tell ones. The only possible cause of being able to see something is an oscillatory behaviour along a direction of view which has a higher amplitude of vibration than the detectors of the eye. If the eye sees something there must be something there and the oscillations within its atoms must be bigger than the oscillations within the atoms of the eye when no sensation of seeing is felt.

Newton was one of the greatest dreamers of all time. By using a letter to represent an amount of distance in unit time he could dream up an amount of distance this would become in a unit of time on the assumption that direction was straight and time progressed uniformly in a straight line. In truth a direction that seems straight is rotating! When a body falls vertically 16 feet in one second it actually moves 18.5 feet along a curve (due to the motion of the earth) so mathematics is based on mere appearances! What is even worse they assume there is an attraction between all material bodies. We can prove ourselves there is a REPULSION between all material bodies by trying to press them together to merge into one. It takes a bit of believing that this obvious repulsion at close quarters becomes an attraction at 93 million miles! Especially when all observed behaviour can be explained by mutual REPULSION, particularly so between the ultimate particles of matter (which must be able to repulse each other to preserve their individual identities)

The rate of movement of the earth through space is the concern of atoms with no excess of charge either way. This is a compromise due to atoms containing equal numbers of particles with opposite charges. These charges have the ability to shoot off in opposite directions when the opportunity arises. It is logical that the rate of movement of a neutral atom is a compromise of two opposite inducements for its protons and electrons to move in certain directions through the universe. When gases are reduced in

pressure their protons and electrons can easily be induced to move in opposite directions. Therefore this must be so in the upper reaches of the atmosphere and there will be spirals of oppositely charged particles swirling around the earth. It can be argued that electrons race ahead of the neutral atoms to crowd in at the north pole travelling ahead of the earth in space leaving the positively charged residue to form a tail behind the earth, which have been identified and called the Van Allen Belts. Other bodies will behave the same and the particles at the poles will be met by oppositely charged particles coming from them the other way. It must be the interaction of these which causes the Aurora. Man is made of neutral atoms and cannot travel outside the solar system. It needs excess of charge to do this. That this does happen is evidenced by the aurora. There must be plenty of charged particles above the equator and the aurora can move down there at times. When they do something can be seen with ones eyes open. There is no need to dream like the physicists.

IF YOU HAD TROUBLE FOLLOWING THAT DON'T WORRY, BUT TRY TO THINK AROUND THESE IDEAS. SHOW IT TO A PHYSICIST AND LET US HAVE THEIR COMMENTS - Ed)

RESEARCH NOTES:: (Dave Morley)

Over the next few months we want you to share your ideas and views for any basic UFO tracking or detecting devices. New ideas are long overdue. Before we start to build anything let your group try to check this list and have it ready for next month. (Long nose pliers, short pliers, side cutters, pocket knife, two files, two small and two large electricians screwdrivers plus a note book to stick in any scrap of UFO information and why not keep this page too) Later if I am allowed more space we can include drawings, plans and facts sheets (yes certainly -ED) Now I want you to consider investing in a soldering iron. For around £2 you can get a good one and perhaps a bit with a little extra. Below are several firms who will supply their catalogues. They also sell transistors, capacitors resistors etc and if you arm yourself with them we can work through many a winter evening and be ready to start some interesting UFO tests by the new year. Don't be afraid to send me your ideas. History is full of facts brought to light by keen experimenters when the establishment said tut, tut. All tools and equipment we intend to use will cost less than £5 and it will be of great value to your group. Do send for one or more of:
YATES ELECTRONICS (Flitwick) Ltd Storage Depot Kempston Hardwick BEDFORD
ELECTROVALUE 28 St Judes Rd Englefield Grn EGHAM Surrey (above Dp post)
MAPLIN ELECTRONICS SUPPLIES PO Box 3 Rayleigh Essex

Bye for now 'SPARKS'

THE TAPE PROJECT:

Rather mixed news about this since although it has been greatly expanded with the instigation of an Eastern circuit (Yorks, Scunthorpe and Northants) plus more tapes to the south the original western circuit has slowed to a grinding halt. It has been away SEVEN weeks and that is far too long for it to be of any practical value. There have been suggestions for improvements which now look necessary but what about the addition of a LETTER CIRCUIT? This could bring in individual group members as a kind of pen friend circuit with a difference OR could simply be group to group. If any of your members are keen send along their names, addresses, ages and special interests.

RESEARCH INFORMATION:

Recent communication has brought some information which is worth recording. WEATHER BALLOONS are released by the NW air authorities from Aughton, Southport at these times (04-30 to 05-00, 10-30 to 11-00, 16-30 to 17-00, 22-30 to 23-00). Reference to wind speeds and directions will be of great value to rule these out of identifications. Mr Dave Rees also has a file of information on Satellite re-entries and the editor has a file of satellite transit times from August 1974 onwards. Feel free to use these services if needed - and let us know of any others which you feel will be of use to UNO groups.

INVESTIGATION SECTION:

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Comment on previous reports:

Tony Pace, director of BUFORA research, has commented that BUFORA have identified sightings which are certainly the same as our reports 73 C 013 and 73H 004 & 005 as fireballs. Since he is director of Newchapel Observatory which specialises in tracking meteors we thank him for his assistance (All these were reports are recorded on file as PROBABLE meteor - we will now ammend this). He does comment on the inaccuracies of the flightpaths (see map BUFORA Journal Summer 1974) but we can only point out that these were based on the obviously small number of reports we had. In one case he has 1600 reports! I think we can bow to his better judgement of the paths - but we still feel the general alignment is noteworthy.

I should like to clarify also sightings 74F 079-082 (see last month). Wirral UFO point out that the time is very accurately recorded (23-58 to 24-25) and that the temperature inversion was not at the time stated (ie it was earlier). Balloons have been checked and definitely ruled out since there was no wind, the object moved in two different directions and there were no balloons anyway! Live taped comments on the sighting are available.

Other News:

74H 170 & 171 (Wirral UFO) 13/8/74 23-00 Avon Valley.

Two members observed a bright red object pacing coach high in sky. It moved in front, changed to orange and followed its original flight path. It speeded up until out of sight.

74H 172 & 173 (Wirral UFO) 23/8/74 21-25 Queensferry.

Two white lights moving west to east observed from caravan site. Satellitties have been eliminated (though they were not likely since one object veered to south). The site is close to Hawarden airport but the witness had been watching planes go in and the lights were quite different to these.

74J 177 (Wirral UFO) 2/10/74 20-30 Bromborough.

A young boy reported a red disc hovering over a park for five seconds before speeding away. Wirral suspect a hoax in this case and are still investigating.

67H 179 (MAPIT) Aug 1967 18-00 Northwich.

A young student nurse recalled a triangular UFO she saw over a police station. It moved right then did a ninety degree turn and began spinning. It then moved upwards and disappeared.

73J 180 (MAPIT) Oct 1973 01-40 Hale.

A self employed agent who is well used to seeing aircraft into Ringway airport noticed a very bright light hovering above the rooftops when he switched off his light. It was steady and sharp glowing blue/white and seemed to be slightly rocking (eg falling leaf ED). He thought it may be a searchlight but it began to move south after thirty seconds or so. It began to accelerate and shot away. He thinks it must have changed course because it ought to have been seen between gaps in the roof but was not. He heard a noise like a lawn mower after it began to move but is not certain it came from the object. Investigations so far have failed to find any cause for the object. He said that he felt most strange when watching it - as if it were watching him. He wants us to tell him what it was. Can anyone oblige?

THERE ARE EVEN MORE REPORTS THAN THIS THIS MONTH SO WE WILL HAVE PLENTY TO COME BACK TO IF THINGS DRY UP. I THINK IT IS BEST TO REMAIN WITH ONLY SHORT REPORTS SINCE THE IDEA OF THE CATALOGUE IS TO FULLY COVER ALL SIGHTINGS WHEN FULLY INVESTIGATED AND EVALUATED. MEANWHILE KEEP THE REPORTS FLOWING INTO THE EDITOR AND WE WILL KEEP THIS PAGE FULL TO THE OVERFLOWING.

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